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14 August 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT : Ideological Warfare

1. The Director of the Psychological Strategy Board forwarded 25X1A you for comment on 18 March a proposal on Ideological Warfare by [REDACTED] This proposal has been considered by my staff, but we have withheld our comment to you pending full discussion by an informal Psychological Strategy Board panel. The panel has not yet completed its analysis, so we, therefore, are submitting the following views on a provisional basis.

2. It is my opinion that the proposal to procure, produce, and distribute existing works of a scholarly and permanent nature in English and translate them into appropriate languages is a laudible venture. However, it is the opinion of this office that such a survey is not appropriate for this agency to support.

3. If it is possible to create suitable literary works where none exist this government would benefit from their wide distribution abroad. Since such a program does not suggest the need for covert activity, it is felt that it does 25X1A come within the jurisdiction of this agency. In this light, the [REDACTED] paper should be considered as one of many proposals on ideological warfare, most of which have considerable value. If such papers were acted upon collectively, the final result might become an effective weapon in our cold war arsenal.

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